

STATE HISTORY

2007 Fourth Quarter Report

Preserving and sharing the past for the present and future.

This report covers State History's activities for FY2007 and follows the outline of our strategic plan, *History Looks to the Future*.

HERITAGE RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Historical resources are key to the study, understanding, and enjoyment of Utah's unique past. These resources include historic and prehistoric structures and sites; visual, oral, and written documents; artifacts; traditions and lifeways; communities; and landscapes.

Resource preservation

Documentary materials

State History continued to collect, preserve, and process documentary materials that would otherwise be lost. Research Center/Collections staff:

- Added more than 620 books and pamphlets to its collections.
- Added 190 manuscript and photograph collections to the online catalog.
- Re-sleeved and labeled 62,711 negatives in acid-free envelopes.
- Processed 226 photograph collections and made them available to the public, which included the final processing of the Eugene Jelesnik Photograph Collection—164 boxes.
- With the help of an intern processed 30 manuscript collections. This included the final processing of the Samuel Woolley Taylor papers. Taylor wrote many books on Utah and Mormon history as well as being a writer for Disney Studios.
- Received 172 new donations, including the Hamilton Gardner papers donated by Mary Ann Gardner; negatives and newspaper clippings photographed and written by Reed L. Madsen, staff writer/photographer with *Deseret News*, 1950-1998, of southern Utah counties; Friendship Circle 1941-1950 minute book; Friendship Circle roll book; Ladies Literary Club newspaper clippings, Duo piano 8 x 10 picture and program; 8 reel-to-reel tapes, 24 movies in cases, and 12 loose movies donated by Mary Alice Clark and Joseph H. Jeppson; and the Memory Grove Restoration Bicentennial 1976 Collection donated by Faye Broadhead Lundquist, Don Grayson, *Deseret News* photographer, 1950s-2000.

The Collections Management Section in collaboration with Utah State University, Weber State University, University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and the Utah State Archives received an LSTA grant for the creation of a website that will enable patrons to search all these institutions' registers of manuscript and photograph collections.

Linda Thatcher attended the "A. Dean Larsen Book Collecting Conference" on March 19-30 held at Brigham Young University.

Susan Whetstone cleaned and put the *Women's Exponent* in archival folders.

Historic Artifacts Information for 200 artifacts was entered into the collections database.

Historic Buildings

National Register State History staff helped 274 properties gain National Register listing in the Sandy Historic District. Also, a former National Register-listed property, the Central Utah Relocation Center (Topaz), near Delta, was given National Historic Landmark (NHL) status.

Tax credits Staff helped historic property owners successfully fill the requirements for state and federal tax credits. During this period, there were:

- 101 state tax credit projects totaling \$12,574,587 in progress
- 19 state tax credit projects totaling \$5,108,054 approved
- 11 federal tax credit projects totaling \$17,821,172 in progress
- 3 federal tax projects totaling \$4,352,600 approved.

Preservation grants State History entered into contracts with 20 Certified Local Governments for the 2007-2008 grant period. More than \$100,000 was committed in grant funds. State History continues to administer 28 CLG grants, totaling \$102,500, for the 2006-2007 grant cycle. These grants are used for building rehabilitation, public education, National Register nominations, and surveys.

Archaeological resources

The legislature passed SB204, "Ancient Human Remains." This bill appropriates funds to State History to excavate and process human remains found on private land.

The Antiquities Section began an extensive investigation of 42SL186 ("The Prison Site"), an Archaic-period campsite located near the Utah State Prison. Twelve backhoe trenches have removed 190 linear meters of soil, while 57 square meters (to various depths) have been removed by hand in the search for subsurface cultural material. Eleven thousand, two

hundred fifteen (11,215) artifacts have been collected so far. Further excavations and analysis are in process.

Public interaction with resources

The Utah History Research Center

- Served 15,810 patrons
- Filled 437 photograph orders with 2,816 photos ordered
- Pulled and re-filed 21,749 books, manuscripts and photographs.

Tours

State History provided tours to teachers from Granite, Jordan, Davis, and Alpine School Districts, students under the supervision of Prof. Martha Sonntag Bradley from the University of Utah, a small group invited by Board of State History member Chere Romney, staff members from the LDS church's Family History Library, students under the supervision of Catherine McKay from Weber State University, and a seniors group sponsored by St. Marks Hospital. Research center staff also gave two family history presentations to missionary training staff of the LDS church.

Antiquities Archaeological Records Data and Files

- Assisted 515 walk-in customers; those customers spent 849 hours in the archaeology records room.
- Re-filed 15,288 site forms and reports.

Digital Resources

GIS database Development of the GIS database moved forward with financial support from state and federal agencies participating in cooperative agreements. All archaeologists for BLM, UDOT, NRCS, DWR, and State Trust Lands now have live access to the GIS database. The transfer of data from paper maps to the GIS database continues, with approximately 80 percent of the state complete. Work also continues on web-based access for consultants.

Archaeological database 1,675 Cultural Resource Management (CRM) surveys were conducted throughout the state. The vast majority of CRM activity in the state this year has been in the Uintah Basin due to an upsurge in oil and gas exploration, the likes of which has not been seen since the 1980s. 2576 reports and 3870 site forms were accessioned, in addition 2805 sites were digitized from existing legacy data with a total of 745,809 acreage digitized. In the fiscal year 2007, 3434 new archaeological sites were located and recorded throughout the state. The archaeological resources database now contains information on a total of 27,271 projects and 61,301 sites throughout the state.

Historic sites database The Division added or updated 431 sites to its historic sites database.

Burials database State History maintains a [burials database](#). The web-based burial search includes more than 557,262 records and receives 500,000+ hits per quarter. Information from the following cemeteries was added: Cleveland, Mt. Pleasant, and Ivins, Desert Lake, Lawrence, Victor, and Tucker Family. Information from the following cemeteries was updated: Avalon, Dry Fork, Gusher, Hayden, Jensen, LaPoint, Leota, Maeser, Rock Point, Tridell, Uintah Family, and—most importantly—Salt Lake City Cemetery. Recent new cemeteries added to the database include Gunnison and Manti cemeteries. The cemeteries and burials database received 140,364 visits during the year.

Digital collections

Audio State History has digitized the original soundtracks of 100 oral histories and several Utah House/Senate floor debates, which are available on CD with a transcript for patron use.

Photographs State History has made thousands of [high-quality images](#) available online. Work began on digitizing the “Classified” photo collection, which will add another 2,000 images to State History’s website. We now have 24,000+ images online for the public to view.

Section 106/404 Review

In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the State Historic Preservation Office received 1,788 new cases and commented on 1,953 projects affecting archaeological sites, historical sites, or both. Archaeological projects were related to oil and gas exploration projects; mine exploration, development and closure; transportation infrastructure enhancements; recreation development; and other economic development activities.

In accordance with Section 106/404 review, SHPO worked with several agencies to discuss projects and find creative ways to mitigate adverse effects of projects. These have included production of public outreach efforts, such as roadside informational kiosks, notices in professional publications, and production of other public interpretation products that have returned information gained in compliance with federal and state law to the citizens of the state and region.

The division completed a major overhaul of the preservation law section on the website.

Heritage Areas

After nine years of State History helping to lay the groundwork, Congress created two national heritage areas in Utah: The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and the Great Basin National Heritage Area. This legislation will bring significant federal

funding into these areas to assist with the preservation, interpretation, and marketing of heritage resources.

HERITAGE EDUCATION

Heritage education connects adults and children with the past, motivates them to discover for themselves the excitement of the past and empowers them to think about the past and present in new ways. Those who understand history are better citizens, better neighbors, and better decision-makers.

Community Education

Events

The Annual Meeting, held September 14-16, included workshops, history sessions, award presentations, annual history address, tours, a Friday evening 1950s-themed open house and presentation, and other activities that attracted approximately 800 people.

The Prehistory Open House, May 5, attracted approximately 400 people and offered demonstrations, hands-on learning, crafts, and tours.

Presentations and Tours

- Melissa Ferguson presented a paper on Marie Ogden at the Utah State Historical Society annual meeting.
- Volunteer Mike Rose gave a presentation on “Remembering Pearl Harbor” to the Mormon Battalion Company B.
- Andrew Yentsch gave a lecture at the Rio Grande Depot on the Prison Site archaeological investigations.
- Ron Rood gave a lecture at the Rio Grande Depot on the human remains found in Nephi.
- Ron Rood made a presentation to the USAS chapter in Price.
- Kristen Jensen provided a presentation to DCC staff about the possibilities of GIS.
- Nelson Knight made a presentation on Historic building rehabilitation at the Green Buildings conference.
- 40 people attended tours of Danger and Juke Box Caves and 48 people visited the archaeological site near the Utah State Prison. These tours were offered as part of Prehistory Week.
- Presentations and tours were offered as a public education portion of the Prison Site archaeological project.
 - Three presentations were given: to the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society, the Utah Professional Archaeological Council, and a DCC Brown Bag audience.
 - 117 people visited the site on organized tours.

05/06/07- Utah Prehistory Week Tour- 11 people
 05/09/07- Utah Prehistory Week Tour- 13 people
 05/12/07- Utah Prehistory Week Tour- 24 people
 05/19/07- Boy Scout Troop 1087 (Eagle Mountain, Utah) Tour- 12 people
 05/22/07- Willowcreek High School Tour- 12 people
 06/05/07- Willowcreek High School Tour- 12 people
 06/08/07- Boy Scout Troop 4293 (Draper, Utah) Tour- 12 people
 06/20/07- Division of State History Tour- 9 people

Exhibits

2006 State History Fair award-winning exhibits were displayed in the Rio Grande lobby.

Public and Higher Education

History

- The Utah State Historical Society distributed teaching kits on archaeology, mining, country schools, water, black women, women suffrage, farming in Utah, the Mormon Trail, ghost towns, Saltair, and the Denver and Rio Grande Depot. These kits were used by 739 students.
- Bonnie Rogers presented “Water As Seen Through the Eyes of a Pioneer Woman” outreach program to all the fourth grade classes at Centerville Elementary as part of their 2007 Water Fair and also to two fourth grade classes at Hill Field Elementary.
- Bonnie Rogers presented “Journaling Then and Now” outreach program to two fourth grade classes at Hill Field Elementary.
- Ron Rood made a presentation on the Archaeology of Utah at Ensign Elementary School for the 7th grade class.
- Volunteer Alan Hill gave a presentation on mountain men to two fourth grade classes at Hill Field Elementary.
- State History provided internships to five interns from Westminster College, the University of Utah, and Salt Lake Community College.
- State History provided information on State History’s Educational Resources for the Granite and Jordan School Districts Seminar held March 10, 2007.
- State History staff participated in two regional History Fairs and the State History Fair as judges. State History presented three cash awards at the State History Fair: “Best Utah History Entry” (\$1,000), “State History Award” (\$500), and the “Charles S. Peterson Award” (\$500).

Archaeology

An Archaeological Field School was conducted at the Prison Site in early June. The students were primarily 4th and 5th grade students from local schools who were being introduced to archaeology. A total of 12 students spent time learning

archaeological field methods on-site as well as laboratory methods in the Archaeology Lab at State History.

Technical Training Programs

Historic Preservation

- Staff provided historical architectural consulting for a wide variety of state, local, and federal agencies. This assistance helped the agencies leverage their funds and make better preservation decisions. State History's database of articles, how-to publications, and contractor lists provided additional resources for architects and historic property owners.
- Representatives of more than 30 Certified Local Governments attended an annual workshop, which included presentations on Preserve America's Communities, Working with Elected Officials, Historic Landscapes, Researching 1950s subdivisions in Moab, and a tour of the new Artspace project in the historic ZCMI Warehouse.

Other

Kent Powell gave training in oral histories to the Taylorsville Historical Society, at the Rio Grande Depot.

Publications

State History produced three issues of the *Utah Historical Quarterly*. The *Quarterly* began its 75th year of publishing and preserving the latest research on Utah history for the benefit of the public and to support future scholarship.

State History published three issues of the *History Currents* newspaper and distributed 24,000 copies to Utah State Historical Society members, libraries statewide, public gathering places, and classrooms statewide.

The tenth annual edition of *Utah Preservation* was published. The decision was made to discontinue printing a magazine but continue publishing *Utah Preservation* in electronic form.

[*Utah Historical Quarterly*](#) and [*History Currents*](#) were available on State History's web site. *Currents* also goes to a growing list of e-mail subscribers.

State History offered cash awards for the year's best books on Utah history, the best articles published in *Utah Historical Quarterly*, the best article on Utah history not published in *UHQ*, and the best article on Utah women's history by a college student.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKING

State History's philosophy is that working together as partners and in various networks is more effective and efficient than working alone. The Division therefore strives to establish and maintain productive collaborations.

Grants

State History works with many partners to preserve, interpret, and educate about the past. State History is currently administering 80 grants (including 48 CLG grants).

The Italian-Americans in Utah documentary grant appropriated by the legislature was paid out.

Partners

State History continued to work with and support its heritage partners, particularly the state's 91 Certified Local Governments.

State History continued to work in ongoing partnerships such as the Interagency Task Force, Utah Humanities Council, Utah Cultural Alliance, Center for Documentary Arts, Museum of Utah Art and History, Utah Historic Trails Consortium, Utah Heritage Product Alliance, Community Cultural Heritage Coordinating Council, Utah Oral History Consortium, Utah Manuscripts Association, State Records Committee, Geographic Names Committee, Oregon-California Trails Association, Utah History Fair at Utah State University, American Association for State and Local History, and National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers.

A network of volunteers expanded State History's work and influence. Thousands of volunteers work statewide as part of our partner organizations. Within the building, volunteers gave 1,728 hours.

A major component of the archaeological investigation at 42SL186 ("The Prison Site") was the involvement of volunteers as part of the crew. During FY 2007, volunteers donated 463 hours. The volunteers consisted of university-level archaeology students (U of Utah, B.Y.U., U of Arizona), local avocational archaeologists (USAS), high school students (East H.S. and Woods Cross H.S.), and professional archaeologists from other state agencies (PLPCO and SITLA).

In addition, 4th and 5th-grade students participating in an archaeological field school spent 345 hours in the field and lab doing volunteer work.

Utah State Historical Society Fellows and Advisory Board of Editors met to discuss Division/Society issues.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

The Division vigorously promotes an awareness and understanding of its activities and of the significance of Utah's heritage. Those citizens who are not traditionally part of the heritage community are included in communication and outreach efforts.

Internet

The Division's content-rich web sites continued to serve a large number of individuals. During the first two quarters, the three web sites received hundreds of thousands of visits:

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| history.utah.gov | 603,412 visits |
| historytogo.utah.gov | 1,298,056 visits |
| historyforkids.utah.gov | 410,602 visits |

These figures do not include visits to historyresearch.utah.gov, the website for the Utah History Research Center. The History To Go Web site, historytogo.utah.gov, is a valuable resource for students, teachers, and others. The Kids Page, at historyforkids.utah.gov, provides useful pages for school reports plus engaging pages that make history educational and fun. Student queries from around the country are answered by a referral to the Kids Page.

Media

State History informed the public of Division events, services, and news through 21 press releases and public service announcements and numerous calendar items. TV and radio appearances by State History representatives publicized the USHS Annual Meeting and Prehistory Week. State History figured prominently in at least 87 radio, tv, or newspaper stories. Subjects covered included the annual meeting; history and archaeology of human remains discovered in Nephi, Utah; the proposed demolition of the First Security Building; the Prison Site excavation; the History Fair; and Prehistory Week. State History's quarterly newspaper *History Currents* published news about the Division and its partners as well as publishing articles and photos that showed the importance of preserving and understanding the past.

Membership

The Division managed a membership program for 3,189 members of the Utah State Historical Society. Membership campaigns included Statehood Day, Mormon History Association, Sons of Utah Pioneers, "Gift Idea" to members and State History and Research Center patrons, Granite and Jordan School District teachers, educators using Teaching Kits, Share History drive, State History web site, State History patrons, Utah History Research Center patrons, *Currents* newsletter and staff-distributed applications.

Public outreach

The Division director, associate director, and staff members spoke to groups and conferences about Utah history, the Division programs, heritage tourism, and resource development.

PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Understanding the past improves public policy. State History sought to make the relevance of history to current issues more visible and also to educate leaders about the importance of heritage efforts in the state.

The division worked with DCC, the Division of Indian Affairs, and legislators to help draft and work for passage of SB204, “Ancient Human Remains.” This bill appropriates funds to State History to excavate and process human remains found on private land.

State History’s Strategic Planning Team met weekly to discuss, analyze, and evaluate issues crucial to the division’s future. The team submitted a recommended strategic plan to management.